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Onion Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers producing onion in different parts of the country are getting much less price in comparison to their production cost;

(b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to take any steps for providing remunerative prices to the onion growing farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Price of onion differs from place too place ad depends on various factors such as seasonality of production, quality of produce, mismatch in demand and supply etc.. Production of onion has increased about 7% in 2015-16 over the previous year. The average cost of production of rabi onion was around Rs.6-7 per kg.

The average wholesale prices of onion prevailing in major states are given below:

(Rs. in Quintal)

States	Current Week 04/08/2016	Previous Week 28/07/2016	A Month Ago 04/07/2016
Delhi	825	825	725
Haryana	1250	1250	1150
Punjab	1200	1367	900
Uttar Pradesh	1313	1213	1138
Gujarat	1275	1175	1150
Madhya Pradesh	742	917	933
Maharashtra	1269	1269	1169
Rajasthan	1067	1050	967
Bihar	1133	1133	1017

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West Bengal	1450	1400	1200
Telangana	1200	1200	1200
Seemandhra	1333	1367	1283
Karnataka	1475	1500	1450
Tamil Nadu	1280	1280	1340
Average	1201	1210	1116

Source: D/o Consumer Affairs

(b) & (c): The is already implementing the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including onion which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production. The MIS is implemented on the specific request of the State Government/UT Administration willing to share loss with the Central Government on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North Eastern States). No proposal has been received from any State Government so far. Other steps to ensure remunerative price to farmers, including onion growers are facilitating direct marketing, contact farming, setting up private markets, farmer-consumer markets, e-markets as well as providing market information to farmers on prices and arrivals in regulated markets on AGMARKNET portal.

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